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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FAHMY ON KOREA

REF: CAIRO 11526

1. IN RESPONDING TO FAHMY'S ACCOUNT OF HIS EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, YOU SHOULD TELL HIM FROM ME THAT FAR FROM ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH HIS EFFORTS, WE WELCOME THEM. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE ROK'S EFFORTS TO GET THE NORTH-SOUTH TALKS RESUMED. I STATED THIS IN MY SEATTLE SPEECH JULY 22 ("WE URGE A RESUMPTION OF SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.") AND AS RECENTLY AS MID-AUGUST ROK PRESIDENT PARK PUBLICLY REITERATED A CALL FOR THE RESUMPTION OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. IN MY SEATTLE SPEECH, I ALSO REITERATED THE PROPOSAL MADE LAST SEPTEMBER FOR A CONFERENCE INCLUDING NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, US, AND PRC--THE PARTIES MOST IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED--TO DISCUSS WAYS OF PRESERVING THE

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ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND OF REDUCING TENSIONS IN KOREA, AND

I ADDED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO HOLD SUCH A CONFERENCE DURING THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE UNGA, IN NEW YORK OR OTHER MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PLACE. WHAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DO IS ACCEPT THE NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL TO HOLD BILATERAL

TALKS WITH THE U.S., EXCLUDING THE ROK WHICH REPRESENTS TWO-THIRDS OF THE KOREAN POPULATION, AND WE BELIEVE THAT FAHMY WILL APPRECIATE THE SOUNDNESS AND LOGIC OF OUR POSITION ON THAT POINT. YOU SHOULD TELL FAHMY THAT WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING HE CAN DO TO PERSUADE THE NORTH KOREANS TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA OR IN THE QUADRILATERAL FORUM WE HAVE SUGGESTED.

2. FOR SEOUL: YOU SHOULD INFORM ROKG OF GIST OF FAHMY'S REMARKS ABOUT URGING RESUMPTION NORTH-SOUTH TALKS AND ABOVE REPLY TO FAHMY.
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